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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of United States Army Staff Sergeant Robert J. Miller of Oviedo, Florida, formerly of Wheaton, who was killed in action near Barikowt, Afghanistan on January 25, 2008; and

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WHEREAS, He was a Special Forces weapons sergeant assigned to Company A, 3rd Battalion, 3rd Special Forces Group (Airborne); and

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WHEREAS, He was born on October 14, 1983 in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania; he was a 2002 graduate of Wheaton North High School; he volunteered for military service and enlisted in the Army on August 14, 2003 as a Special Forces candidate; he went on to graduate the Special Forces Qualification Course in 2005, earning the coveted "Green Beret"; and

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WHEREAS, In 2006, he was deployed with 3rd SFG (A) in support of Operation Enduring Freedom; during this deployment, he was awarded the Army Commendation Medal with Valor for his courage in the face of the enemy; he was also promoted to the rank of staff sergeant while deployed; his other awards and decorations include: Army Good Conduct Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, two

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1 Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbons, NATO
2 Medal, Parachutist Badge, Ranger Tab and Special Forces Tab;
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4 WHEREAS, St. Michael Church and School in Wheaton will be
5 naming a plaza in honor of Sergeant Miller; and

6 WHEREAS, Robert Miller is survived by his parents, Philip
7 and Maureen Miller; his brothers, Thomas, Martin, and Edward;
8 and his sisters, Joanna, Mary, Therese, and Patricia;
9 therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL
11 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
12 his parents and siblings, the passing of United States Army
13 Staff Sergeant Robert J. Miller; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That we honor the memory of Robert J. Miller and
15 his willingness to serve his country, which led to him making
16 the ultimate sacrifice; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
18 presented to the family of Robert J. Miller as a symbol of our
19 sympathy.